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Reference: Response to notice of Public Hearing for VR-21

Hi, my name is Brad Robison, a long-time citizen of McMinnville. I graduated from McMinnville High School and later became the McMinnville Parks Supervisor for over 25 years, caring for and loving our Parks. And in years prior to retiring in 2005, I was the Public Works Superintendent. I was always an interested party to "Life McMinnville style", which was a quoted phrase adopted by the City Council in those years of my working life.

We live in the Tall Oaks sub division which is part of the affected area of the Variance mentioned above. This area is basically an Urban forest that will be threatened by squeezing another lot out(s) of an area that actually is accessed by a private drive that, as of now served three other lots. The aesthetics of removing several trees seems unnecessary, just to build another house in a beautiful habitat. All of the home owners near the lot(s) in question love our forest and pristine area of wildlife and secluded environment. We feel that adding more traffic in this private drive, will diminish our life style we all moved into our neighborhood for.

We certainly feel that adding one and possibly two more buildable lots will diminish our property values.

We realize that increasing density is an important necessity, but not all areas fit this role well. Therefore, we are very opposed to allowing this variance.

Regards,

Brad and Shirley Robison

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